



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

9:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-4751)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Barry Waite, 1st Vice Chairperson Mark Burman, 2nd Vice Chairperson Bob Archuleta, Commissioner Tyler Kelley, Commissioner Algrid Leiga, Commissioner Alexander Ponder and Commissioner Andrew Westall

Excused: Commissioner Rodrigo Guerra Jr. and Commissioner Jess Talamantes

Call to Order. (12-4610)

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Waite at 9:07 a.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of September 11, 2012. (12-4306)

On motion of 2nd Vice Chairperson Bob Archuleta, seconded by Commissioner Algrid Leiga, the minutes were approved.

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2. Chairperson's Report on various items for the month of October 2012. (12-4611)

Chairperson Waite reported that he is uncertain when the Commission will receive new appointments. The Second District candidate is no longer available, Fourth and Fifth Districts have begun the process of recommending candidates for appointment and at this time no one is being considered for the First and Third Districts. 2nd Vice Chairperson Archuleta reported that he contacted First District regarding Commission

vacancies and was told the District is considering a candidate.

Continuing his report, Chairperson Waite advised the Commission the he will contact Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Public Works Department, to invite him to an upcoming meeting to provide an update on the progress of the County's solid waste conversion program.

- 3. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for October 2012. (12-4616)**

Bolaji Famuyiwa, Staff, Commission Services, reported that the Board of Supervisors' scroll presentations for former Commissioners Gordon and Patricia Gray is scheduled for December 4, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

II. DISCUSSION

- 4. Update on the County Film Policy based on California Film Commission Film Ordinance and Best Practices.**
- Frank Cheng
Strategic Initiatives/Special Projects
Chief Executive Office (12-4612)**

Providing an update regarding the July 24, 2012 order, where in the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) was directed to revise the County's current film practices in accordance with the recently revised California Film Commission's Model Ordinance, Frank Cheng, CEO, reported that the CEO has developed and submitted a proposed County Film Policy for the Audit Committee's review. The Film Policy was developed pursuant to CEO's July 31, 2012 memorandum to the Board recommending that the Commission's Model Film Ordinance and suggested Best Practices be adopted as a Board Policy. Once the proposed policy has been reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee, it will be submitted to the Board for approval.

Mr. Cheng further reported that Supervisor Knabe has requested CEO to look into the current fee structure at County locations and the non-profit sites and determine if the fees being accessed are appropriate. Additionally, the fees for filming at the Grand Park are currently being reviewed by members of the filming industry. As of date the County charges \$400 dollars per day to shoot a film.

Continuing the conversation on filming fees, 1st Vice Chairperson Burman recommended that film permits in Los Angeles should be viewed as an incentive to attract the motion picture and independent film

industry to the cities. He added that the filming in Los Angeles has become very costly, limiting the number of filming, as well as, making filming especially difficult for the independent filming industry. Also noted, are the fees accessed by the Police and the Fire Departments which are equally costly.

Expanding on the impact of the excessive film fees in Los Angeles, 1st Vice Chairperson Burman reported that the film industry in Los Angeles has reduced to 66% in the last few years; resulting in massive layoffs and contributing to the level of unemployment in Los Angeles. 1st Vice Chairperson Burman concluded that reducing the film fees to a minimal will attract revenues to the cities and improve the local economy.

Adding to 1st Vice Chairperson Burman's recommendations, 2nd Vice Chairperson Archuleta urged the Commission to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to reduce the filming fees in Los Angeles County. A brief discussion ensued and on motion of 2nd Vice Chairperson Bob Archuleta, seconded by Commissioner Andrew Westall, unanimously carried, the Commission will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to consider a one-year pilot program to waive filming fees where possible, to encourage and possibly regain the loss of filming activities, as well as, create employment opportunities in Los Angeles County. This motion shall be included in the CEO's report to the Board. The CEO shall advise the Commission of the Board's decision at a future LGS meeting.

The Commission further requested Mr. Cheng to develop a grid showing the filming fees that are accessed in Los Angeles and what the fees entails. The grid/report will be presented and discussed at the December 4, 2012.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

5. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (12-4613)

1st Vice Chairperson Burman suggested that the Commission host a Holiday Gathering in December 2012.

Public Comment

6. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-4614)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

7. Adjournment for the meeting of October 9, 2012. (12-4615)

The October 9, 2012 meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.